

silicone rubbers; polyisoprenes; polybutadienes; polyurethanes; ethylene/propylene/diene terpolymer elastomers; chloroprene rubbers; random and block styrene-butadiene copolymers; random and block styrene-isoprene copolymers; acrylonitrile-butadiene copolymers; and mixtures and copolymers thereof;

wherein the aspect ratio of the stems on the first surface of the backing layer is at least about 1.25; and

wherein the drape has a static coefficient of friction when dry along at least a portion of the first surface is at least 0.6.

24. A medical drape comprising:

a backing layer having a first surface and a second surface, where projecting from the first surface of the backing layer is an array of stems which are integrally formed with the backing layer;

wherein the aspect ratio of the stems on the first surface of the backing layer is at least about 1.25; and

wherein the drape has a static coefficient of friction when dry along at least a portion of the first surface is at least 0.6.

Remarks

Applicants amend claims 1 and 24 to more completely claim the present invention and to expedite prosecution. Applicants also amend the Abstract to correct a typographical error and to overcome the grounds for objection raised by the Examiner. Support for the amendments may be found throughout the specification as filed, including the documents and references cited and incorporated therein, and specifically at page 6, lines 16-17.

Claim Rejections With Respect to the Cejka Reference

The Examiner has withdrawn the prior rejection of claims 1-8, 20-22 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by the disclosure of U.S. Pat. No. 6,106,922